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FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5770

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SY CHANNEL

DEPT FOR A/SY/SAS FROM RSO LEE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: POSTAL THEFT

REF: NICOSIA 0913

1. ON APR 29 RSO CONFERRED WITH CYPRUS POLICE ON MATTER
DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. INSPECTOR PETRIDES, CID, TOLD RSO THAT ON MAR 24, 26
TWO GOC MAIL SHIPMENTS SENT FROM LARNACA TO JFK VIA
HEATHROW RESULTED IN CONTENT LOSSES. MAR 24 SHIPMENT (LC68)
RESULTED IN TWO MISSING GOLD BRACELETS SEND BY GREEK CYPRIOT
TO RELATIVE IN N.Y. (VALUE \$30.00) AND A PACKAGE OF CHECKS
VALUED AT \$8,217. THE MAR 26 SHIPMENT (LC 83) RESULTED IN A
U.S. CURRENCY LOSS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.

3. PETRIDES ADVISED THAT ON APR 1 THE GOC CHANGED THE
ROUTING OF MAIL SHIPMENTS. PRESENT ROUTE CONSTITUTES
CYPRUS AIRWAYS FROM LARNACA TO ATHENS THEN ATHENS TO JFK
WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS. FYI: CYPRUS POLICE HAD NOT
INFORMED RSO OF ROUTE CHANGE OR OF NEW LOSSES. END FYI.
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4. WHEN ADVISED OF ROUTE CHANGE RSO SUGGESTED TO
PETRIDES THAT FACT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO LOSSES SINCE
THE ROUTE CHANGE LEADS TO FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

A. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THE CRIMES OCCURRED IN LONDON.

B. BY CHANGING THE ROUTES, THE CRIMINAL REMAINS FREE AND UNKNOWN.

5. WE URGED PETRIDES TO CONSIDER SENDING A "DUMMY" MONEY SHIPMENT USING THE LARNACA-LONDON-JFK ROUTE IN AN EFFORT TO CAUSE THE UNKNOWN FELON TO SURFACE. PETRIDES RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT COURSE OF ACTION HAS NOT BEEN RULED OUT; HOWEVER, GOC POSTMASTER GENERAL IS ON LEAVE AND A FINAL DECISION MUST AWAIT HIS RETURN.

6. RSO EMPHASIZED THAT USPS HAS PUT A GREAT DEAL OF INVESTIGATIVE MANPOWER ON THIS CASE AND THAT IF THE U.S. IS TO HELP IN THE MATTER, EMBASSY MUST BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AT ALL TIMES. AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 3, POLICE HAVE NOT KEPT EMBASSY INFORMED OF CASE DEVELOPMENTS. CRAWFORD

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